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ABSTRACT of ſeveral Acts of Parliament, now in Force, which were made for preventing His Majeſty's Subjects from Trading to the Eaſt-Indies, under Foreign Commiſſions; and from being intereſted or concerned in any Foreign Eaſt-India Company to be erected.

BY the following Acts of Parliament now in Force, and which were made, for preventing His Majeſty's Subjects from Trading to the Eaſt-Indies, under Foreign Commiſſions; and from being intereſted, or concerned, in any Foreign Eaſt-India Company, to be erected; it is Enacted as follows, *viz.*

5th Geo. I. *Cap.* 21.] By an Act paſſed in the 5th Year of His late Majeſty, King George the Firſt, all His Majeſty's Subjects, except thoſe Licenſed by the Eaſt-India Company, are prohibited from going to the Eaſt-Indies. — And to the End ſuch Offenders may be brought to Juſtice, the Eaſt-India Company are empowered to arreſt, and ſeize, ſuch Offenders in the Eaſt-Indies, and to ſend them to England, there to anſwer for the ſaid Offence; And every Britiſh Subject, who ſhall procure, ſollicit for, obtain, or act under, any Commiſſion, Authority, or Paſs, from any Foreign Prince, or State, to ſail, or go, or trade, in, or to the Eaſt-Indies, incurs, and forfeits, for every ſuch Offence, 500 *l.*

7th Geo. I. *Cap.* 21.] By another Act paſſed in the 7th Year of His late Majeſty King George the Firſt, every Subject of His Majeſty, who ſhall go to, or ſhall Trade, or Adventure into, or from, the Eaſt-Indies, (contrary to the Laws in being,) and ſhall be convicted thereof, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record, at Weſtminſter, is to pay, and ſuffer ſuch Fine, and Impriſonment, as the Court ſhall think fit.

And all the Goods, and Merchandize, that ſhall be bartered or traffick'd for, in the Eaſt-Indies, or purchaſed there, by any ſuch Offenders, or that ſhall be found in his Cuſtody, or in the Cuſtody of any other Perſon, by his Order, or Procurement, are declared to be forfeited, with Double the Value thereof.

9th Geo. I. *Cap.* 26.] By an Act paſſed in the 9th Year of His late Majeſty King George the Firſt, all His Majeſty's Subjects are prohibited from ſubſcribing, contributing to, encouraging, or promoting, the raiſing, eſtabliſhing, or carrying on, any Foreign Company, from, and after, the 24th Day of June 1723, to be raiſed, formed, or erected, for Trading to the Eaſt-Indies, and from being intereſted in, or intitled to, any Share in the Stock, or Capital, of ſuch Foreign Company, under Forfeiture of all his, her, or their Intereſt, in the Capital, Principal, Stock, or Actions, of any ſuch Foreign Company, together with Treble the Value thereof.

And the Attorney General is empowered to exhibit Bills of Complaint in the Court of Chancery, or Court of Exchequer, againſt ſuch Offenders, for the Diſcovery of ſuch Offence; which Diſcovery ſuch Offenders are obliged to make on the Attorney General's waving in ſuch Bill, the ſaid Forfeiture of the Treble Value, and inſiſting only on the Single Value thereof; And in ſuch Caſe, the Single Value is to be decreed to be paid by ſuch Offender.

And that every Subject of His Majeſty accepting of any Truſt, or knowing of any Intereſt, Share, Part, Proportion, or Concern, which any other of His Majeſty's Subjects ſhall have, or be intitled to,

to, in any ſuch Foreign Company; and who ſhall not, within Six Months, next after the Accepting ſuch Truſt, or coming to the Knowledge of ſuch Intereſt, Share, Proportion, or Concern, as aforeſaid, truly diſcover the ſame in Writing to the Eaſt-India Company, or their Court of Directors, ſhall forfeit Treble the Value of the Intereſt ſo accepted in Truſt, or ſo known and not diſcovered, as aforeſaid; and any Perſon making ſuch Diſcovery, is intitled to a Moiety of the Forfeiture.

And all His Majeſty's Subjects, (other than ſuch as are lawfully authorized thereunto,) going to, or found in the Eaſt-Indies, are declared guilty of a High Crime, and Miſdemeanor, and are made liable to Corporal Puniſhment, Impriſonment, or Fine, for the ſame, at the Diſcretion of ſuch of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, where the Proſecution for ſuch Offence ſhall be commenced.

And every Perſon ſo offending may be ſeized, and brought to England, and committed to Goal there, by any one of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, until ſufficient Security be given by Natural-born Subjects or Denizens, to appear in the Court, where ſuch Proſecution ſhall be commenced, to anſwer the ſame, and not depart without Leave of the Court.

3d Geo. II. Cap. 14.] By an Act paſſed in the 3d Year of His preſent Majeſty, it is Enacted, That if any of His Majeſty's Subjects (other than the Eaſt-India Company, and thoſe licenſed by them,) ſhall directly, or indirectly, go to, trade, or adventure into, or from, the Eaſt-Indies, every ſuch Offender ſhall incur the Forfeiture, and Loſs, of all the Ships, and Veſſels, employed in ſuch Voyage, Trade, or Adventure; and alſo all the Goods laden thereupon, or that were ſent to, acquired, traded or adventured, within the Eaſt-Indies, and all the Proceed, and Effects, of the ſame, and Double the Value thereof.

Naples, January 4. The two Men of War belonging to this Kingdom, which have been cruizing for ſome Months paſt againſt the Corſairs of Barbary, came into Port on Sunday laſt, and are ordered to be laid up till next March. On Thurſday laſt M. Verelſt, Envoy Extraordinary from the States General to this Court, was admitted to his firſt private Audiences of the King and Queen at Caſerta

Petersbourg, Jan. 7. The Preparations for the Empreſs's Journey to Moſcow are again ſuſpended. We have received Advice from Caſan, that the Miſſionaries, who were ſent into Great Tartary, continue their Labours with great Succeeſs; and 'tis computed have already baptized at leaſt one Third of the Inhabitants of that vaſt Tract of Country.

Rome, Jan. 8. In the Night between Tueſday and Wedneſday laſt ſome Villains found Means to break into the Church of St. Martin, and carried off a magnificent Silver Lamp, ſet round with precious Stones, and valued at about 12000 Crowns. Letters from ſeveral Parts of the Eccleſiaſtical State agree, that on the 2d Inſtant they had a very ſevere Shock of an Earthquake, which pretty much alarmed the Inhabitants, but went off without doing any conſiderable Damage.

Genoa, Jan. 10. Laſt Week an Expreſs from Madrid paſſed through this City for the Courts of Parma and Naples, with the News of Captain Stuart's having taken a large Algerine Man of War, after an obſtinate Engagement of many Hours.

Milan, Jan. 10. We learn from Mantua, that on the 6th Inſtant a violent Shock of an Earthquake was felt there, which however cauſed but little Damage.

Turin, Jan. 10. A few Days ago the Dutcheſs of Savoy's Pregnancy was declared at Court, and ſhe advances very happily in it.

Stockholm, Jan. 11. The States of this Kingdom, who adjourned on Account of the Holydays, are now met again, and have under their Conſideration the Number of Forces neceſſary to be kept on Foot both for Land and Sea Service. The King has declared his Intention of reviewing the Troops, and viſiting the Fortifications in Finland next Spring; and 'tis ſaid the States will vote him a ſufficient Sum to anſwer the Expences of that Journey.

Hamburgh, Jan. 21. M. Deſtinon, who has held many Years the Office of Pruſſian Poſt-Maſter in Hamburgh, with the Character of Reſident from that Court, dyed here a few Days ago.

Bruſſels, Jan. 24. The Empreſs Queen has conferred on M. Cordeys, Member of the Council of the Finances, the important Poſt of Preſident of the Chamber of Accompts in this City, in the Room of the late M. de Wit. The Deputies of the States of Hainault are arrived here, and were Yeſterday in Conference with the Marqueſs de Botta d'Adorno. A few Days ago the Hereditary Prince of Brunſwick Wolfembuttel ſet out from hence on his Return to Germany, having ſeen every Thing valuable in this City. We hear by Letters from Marſailles, that a Fire lately broke out there, and entirely conſumed a large Warehouſe in which was a great Quantity of Foreign Merchandize, and particularly 100 Bales of Cotton; and that the Damage was computed to amount to at leaſt 200,000 Livres.

Hague, Jan. 27. The Deputies of the ſeveral Colleges of the Admiralty of theſe Provinces have been aſſembled here for ſome Days, and have now under Conſideration ſome important

portant Affairs relating to their Department, M. Salomon Reynders, whom the Princeſs Governante named a few Days ago to be a Commodore, under the Direction of the College of the Admiralty of Zealand, took on Friday laſt the uſual Oaths from the Hands of her Royal Highneſs for that Employment. The Funeral of his late Serene Highneſs the Prince of Orange is appointed for Friday the 4th of next Month; to which the Members of the Council of State, thoſe of the Aſſembly of the States General, and thoſe of the States of this Province, are all invited.

Whitehall, January 17, 1752.

Whereas it has been humbly repreſented to the King, that, on Thurſday the 26th of December laſt, about Seven o'Clock in the Evening, a Fire broke out, in an Outhouſe, belonging to John Framingham, Eſq; at Walſingham, in the County of Norfolk, which, in a ſhort Time, conſumed the ſame, and two other Outhouſes, adjoining thereto, and greatly endangered a large Barn, almoſt full of Corn, and many other contiguous Buildings; and, that there is the ſtrongeſt Reaſon to believe the ſaid Outhouſe, was wilfully, and maliciouſly, ſet on Fire; His Majeſty, for the better diſcovering, and bringing to Juſtice, the Perſon or Perſons, concerned therein, is pleaſed to promiſe his moſt gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Perſon who actually ſet the ſaid Outhouſe on Fire,) who ſhall diſcover his, or her Accomplice, or Accomplices in the ſaid Fact, ſo, that he, ſhe, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

And, as a farther Encouragement, the ſaid John Framingham does, hereby, promiſe a Reward of Twenty Pounds, to any Perſon, or Perſons, making ſuch Diſcovery as aforeſaid, (except the Perſon who actually ſet Fire to the ſaid Outhouſe) to be paid upon the Conviction of one, or more, of the Offenders.

John Framingham.

And, as a ſtill farther Encouragement, the Gentlemen, and other Inhabitants, of the Pariſh of Walſingham, do, hereby, promiſe, a farther Reward, of Twenty Pounds, to any Perſon, or Perſons, making ſuch Diſcovery as aforeſaid, (except the Perſon who actually ſet Fire to the Outhouſe of the ſaid John Framingham, Eſq;) to be paid upon the Conviction of one or more of the Offenders.

Admiralty Office, Dec. 23, 1751.

Notice is hereby given, that a Seſſion of Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery for the Trial of Offences committed on the High Seas within the Juriſdiction of the Admiralty of England, will be held on Tueſday the 18th Day of February next, at Juſtice Hall in the Old Baily, London, at Eight of the Clock in the Morning.

J. Clevland.

Admiralty Office, January 10, 1752.

Whereas his Majeſty has been pleaſed, by his Royal Proclamation of the 29th of March 1750, and by his Order in Council of the 19th of laſt Month, to direct that Paſſes of a new Form ſhall be iſſued to all his Subjects Trading in the Way of the cruizing Ships of the States of Barbary; My Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty do hereby give Notice, that in Purſuance of the aforeſaid Proclamation and Order in Council, Paſſes of a new Form will be ready to be iſſued at this Office from the 1ſt of February next, to ſuch Perſons as ſhall apply for them; and at his Majeſty's Foreign Colonies and Plantations as ſoon as conveniently may be; but that ſuch Paſſes of the old Form as have been iſſued will nevertheleſs continue in Force till the 30th of October next.

J. Clevland.

Navy-Office, January 17, 1752.

The Right Hon the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury having appointed Money for paying Half Pay to Sea Officers, from the 31ſt of December 1750, to the 30th of June 1751, according to his Majeſty's Eſtabliſhment on that Behalf;

Theſe are to give Notice, that the ſaid Payment will begin to be made at the Treaſurer of the Navy's Office in Broad Street, on Tueſday the 11th of next Month, at Eight o'Clock in the Morning, and continued the Wedneſday and Thurſday following, beginning at the ſame Hour; That all Perſons may then and there attend to receive what may become payable to them, and not only bring with them the Affidavit required touching their not having enjoyed the Benefit of any publick Employment, either at Sea or on Shore, during the Time they are to be paid the ſaid Half Pay, but alſo produce Certificates that they have ſubſcribed to the Teſt, and taken the Oaths required by Act of Parliament to his preſent Majeſty. And in Caſe any of the ſaid Sea Officers ſhall not be able to attend themſelves to receive their Money, but employ Attorneys for that Purpoſe, that the ſaid Attorneys may produce the like Certificates and Affidavits from the Perſons they are employed by.

April 19, 1751.

General Poſt Office.

Whereas the Poſt-Boy bringing the Cirencester Mail to this Office, was Yeſterday Morning, between Two and Three of the Clock, on Gerrard's Croſs Common, between Wickham and Uxbridge, attacked and robbed by a ſingle Highwayman, mounted on a Bay Mare, who carried off the ſaid Mail, which contained the following Bags of Letters, viz.

Briſtol,	Worceſter,
Exeter,	Birmingham,
Tiverton,	Wolverhampton,
Taunton,	Woodſtock,
Wellington,	Bath,
Bridgewater,	Cirenceſter,
Wells,	Glouceſter,
Oxford,	Thame,
Burford,	Wickham,
Witney,	Beconsfield,
Chipping-norton,	Gerrard's Croſs,
Campden,	Abingdon, and
Eveſham,	Farringdon.

The Perſon who committed this Robbery, was a tall luſty black Man, about Six Feet high, between Forty and Fifty Years of Age, marked with the Small Pox, and had on a blue Surtout or Horſeman's Coat, and under it a dark coloured one, with white Metal Buttons, and wore a black or dark coloured Wig, and rode upon a large Brown Bay Horſe or Mare, Fifteen Hands high, with a bald Face, and a dark black Mane, the Tail lately docked and niched, the Wounds not healed.

This therefore is to give Notice, That whoever ſhall apprehend and convict, or cauſe to be apprehended and convicted, the Perſon who committed this Robbery, will be intitled to a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, *over and above the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen: Or if any Perſon or Perſons, whether Accomplice in the ſaid Robbery, or knowing thereof, ſhall make Diſcovery, whereby the Perſon, who committed the ſame, may be apprehended and brought to Juſtice, ſuch Diſcoverer or Diſcoverers will, upon Conviction of the Party, be intitled to the ſame Reward of* Two Hundred Pounds, *and alſo have His Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon.*

By Command of the Poſt-Maſter General,

George Shelvocke, *Secretary.*

Aſſurance-Office, Serjeants-Inn, Jan. 21, 1752.

A General Quarterly Court of the Corporation of the Amicable Society for a Perpetual Aſſurance-Office, will be held at their Houſe in Serjeants-Inn, Fleet Street, on Wedneſday the 29th Inſtant, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon.

John Pye, *Regiſter.*